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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	DOCUMENT ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOC #: DATE FILED: 10/20/2021
HILARY A. BEST,	: :
Plaintiff,	: 1:21-cv-779-GHW
-V -	: <u>ORDER</u>
JAMES MERCHANT, et al.,	
Defendants.	· :
GREGORY H. WOODS, United States District Ju	

For the reasons stated on the record during the conference held on October 20, 2021, the Court denies Defendants' request for leave to file a motion to dismiss at this time. The deadline for Defendants to file a new letter requesting leave to file a motion to dismiss is December 3, 2021. The deadline for defendant to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint is extended to December 3, 2021. Discovery in this case is stayed until December 3, 2021. Defendants are directed to make any request to extend the stay of discovery in Defendants' letter requesting leave to file a motion to dismiss.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 20, 2021

New York, New York

GREGORDH. WOODS United States District Judge